

GREENWOOD NEWLETTER

APRIL 2011

Christmas Tree – The Town of Greenwood will be taking down the Christmas tree in the park in front of the library. The tree has damaged limbs due to last years large snow falls and has become overgrown. We will be replacing the tree with another one in time for the Christmas Holidays.

Bulk Trash Pick Up – The Town of Greenwood will have our bulk trash pick-up on Saturday May 21, 2011. A flyer about the pick-up will be included with next months' newsletter.

Recycling – Mandatory recycling (by order of the State of Delaware) will begin in September. The Town will be purchasing containers for you to put your recycling in. The recycling will be picked up by M-T Trash, our normal trash hauler. The recycling pick-up will not begin until after September 1st.

Yard Waste – Effective January 1, 2011 our trash company can no longer accept yard waste of any kind. With Spring coming please do not include leaves, limbs etc in your weekly trash pick up.

CITIZENS OF GREENWOOD

An issue was recently conveyed to Town Council and the Town Administration regarding both feral and resident's pet cats within the municipality and nuisance issues they are creating.

When this particular issue was raised a few years ago the Town worked with a feral cat program that would locate the feral cat colonies, trap them for spay or neuter, then release the cats upon completion of the surgery. This was done as a measure of control as cats live in colonies and if their population cannot grow the colonies will not spread throughout the town. In addition, a spayed or neutered cat has less a tendency to spray or mark their territory or be as destructive to personal property. The added benefit of leaving an existing cat colony that could not reproduce was that it kept other cat colonies from moving into town. Upon completion of the feral cat program concerns from Town residents stopped as the program worked as intended. Unfortunately, it appears the Town is once again facing the same issue along with town residents' pets adding to the issue.

In order to address this, the Town will be once again contacting the feral cat program to address any new colonies that may exist and is asking all residents who own pet cats to please be conscientious of your neighbors too. If you are feeding a feral cat population we ask you to please stop this practice. If you own a cat that is not spayed or neutered, please realize this can and does add to the existing problem. Please consider having your cat spayed or neutered. If a monetary hardship is keeping you from this service the Town will be providing information in the future on low cost spay and neuter programs available in Delaware. In addition, if you are aware that your cat or cats are being a nuisance to your neighbor(s) and their property, you may want to consider keeping them inside.

The Town believes we can work together to resolve this matter without the need to enact ordinances that will penalize pet owners.

News from the Greenwood Police Department:

SECONDS COUNT IN AN EMERGENCY



The Town of Greenwood Police Department is continuing to build our Data Base for our CodeRED Emergency Notification System.

This system allows us to telephone all or targeted areas of the Town in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action such as, utility problems, police matters, etc. This system is capable of dialing the entire Town within minutes. It then delivers a pre-recorded message describing the situations to a live person or an answering machine in the affected area, including any instructions requiring immediate action on the part of the recipient.

We have used the system this past year with great success. However, we still have some residents who are not signed up.

If you reside or own property within the incorporated limits of the Town of Greenwood and would like to receive CodeRED emergency messages you may sign up by clicking the link on the Town of Greenwood website or picking up a registration form at the Police Department. **IMPORTANT: USE YOUR PHYSICAL TOWN OF GREENWOOD ADDRESS. DO NOT USE POST OFFICE OR OUT OF TOWN ADDRESSES.** Should you at anytime desire to be removed from the calling list you may do so by calling the Greenwood Police Department at 302-349-4822.



The Greenwood Police Department will be partnering with the DEA on National Take Back Day, **April 30, 2011**. Citizens are encouraged to drop off any unused or unwanted drugs between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm to the Greenwood Police Department, 100 West Market Street. Controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter medications will be accepted in their original containers. *No Sharpies or Syringes will be accepted.* All participants may remain anonymous and no questions or requests for identification will be made by the law enforcement personnel present. Take advantage of this date to clean out your medicine cabinets!



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

EMERGENCY	911
NON-EMERGENCY	302-349-4822
AFTER HOURS NON-EMERGENCY	302-855-2980

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